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Manfred von Richthofen

The Red Baron, whose real name was Manfred von Richthofen, was a legendary German fighter pilot during World War I. He is considered the ace-of-aces of the war, being officially credited with 80 air combat victories. Richthofen was known for his distinctive red aircraft, which earned him the nickname "The Red Baron".

Richthofen initially served in the cavalry but transferred to the Air Service in 1915. He quickly distinguished himself as a fighter pilot and became the leader of the fighter squadron Jasta 11 in 1917.

Later, he led the larger fighter wing Jagdgeschwader I, also known as "The Flying Circus" due to the bright colors of its aircraft.

Richthofen was regarded as a national hero in Germany and respected by his enemies. He was shot down and killed over France on April 21, 1918. His legacy as one of the most famous fighter pilots in history endures to this day.